Regular Meeting
Active Adult Center Advisory Board
October 20, 2026

A meeting of the Madison Heights Active Adult Center Advisory Board was called to order by Ms. Cowan, October 20, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. in the Executive Conference Room at the City Complex at 300 W. 13 Mile Rd., Madison Heights, MI 48071.

Present:	Bessler, Brand, Faulkner, Levy, Mowry, Patton, and Ratliff.
Also Present:	Center Supervisor Cowan.
Excused:	DPS Director Ballantine and Councilor Wright.

19-01. Minutes.

Ms. Bessler mentioned her request to plan a trip to the Zekelman Holocaust Center was not listed in the minutes. Ms. Cowan stated she will edit them to include that.

Motion by Ms. Patton, seconded by Ms. Bessler to adopt the minutes (with the edit) from the meeting of September 15, 2026.

Yeas:	Bessler, Brand, Faulkner, Levy, Mowry, Patton, and Ratliff.
Nays:	None.
Excused:	None.

19-02. Meeting Open to the Public.

None.

19-03. Staff Report.

Ms. Cowan updated the Board on programs that are coming up in October and November, as well as some trips further out on the calendar. She also noted dates for the upcoming special election to finish out Mr. Salley's and Ms. Juska-Svoba's terms on the Board.

19-04. Maintenance Requests

None.

19-05. Budget Requests

Ms. Cowan reported interviews for the full time CDL driver would be this Wednesday and Thursday.

19-06. Unfinished Business.

Ms. Cowan provided updates on Board requests from the previous meeting:

- The Gordie Howe Bridge walk is not feasible at this time due to the newness of the crossing and the complexities of coordinating an international walk. However, the AAC and Bianco may consider the idea in the future.

- The Zekelman Holocaust Center trip request was cancelled, as the group will join the Library's planned visit.

- Ms. Cowan contacted local nonprofits seeking speakers on sickle cell anemia and autism/ADHD/neurodivergence but has not received responses. Board members were asked to share any suggested contacts.

- Ms. Mowry inquired about the requested cancer walk, and Ms. Cowan noted that organizing the event would require significant coordination with the American Cancer Society (ACS), police, and DPS. Ms. Faulkner shared her experience with an organized past Relay for Life event and will look into logistics and follow up with the Board.

Ms. Cowan reminded the Board that the special election scheduled for November 19 & 20 would elect two members – one to fulfill Mike Salley's term after his passing, and one to fulfill Ms. Juska-Svoba's term after she resigned due to absences. Nominations will take place November 2-17. Nominees must be a Madison Heights resident age 50 and up.

Ms. Cowan reminded everyone that we will add a Halloween Beautification drive and dinner this year, and it will take place on October 29 starting with meeting at the AAC at 4:30 pm.

19-07. New Business.

Ms. Cowan asked Board members if they would like to vote for the Board positions of Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary now or wait until January when the full Board would be present, after the special election. There was discussion and members agreed it would be best to wait until January.

Ms. Cowan was pleased to report that the AAC monthly newsletter will continue and return to its original 20-page format, rather than the reduced eight-page version. Board members expressed their appreciation and relief, sharing concerns they had about the possibility of the newsletter being discontinued. They emphasized the importance of the newsletter as a monthly reminder of upcoming programs and activities. The expanded format will allow for more detailed program information and larger print, making the newsletter easier to read and more informative. They also noted that many programs are not included in the quarterly city newsletter because it is printed several months in advance, creating concerns that residents could miss opportunities to participate. Ms. Cowan explained that continuing the monthly newsletter will also help keep non-residents informed, engaged, and registering for programs, as they do not receive the quarterly city newsletter. Non-residents generate a significant portion of program revenue by purchasing higher-cost programs, which help supplement lower-cost and free activities.

19-08. Treasurer's Report.

Ms. Cowan supplied a report for August and September, noted some items and asked if anyone had questions.

Motion by Ms. Faulkner seconded by Ms. Ratliff to approve the treasurer's report for August and September.

Yeas:	Bessler, Brand, Faulkner, Levy, Mowry, Patton, and Ratliff.
Nays:	None.
Excused:	None.

19-09. Council & Administration Updates.

None.

19-10. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 pm. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 17, 2026 at 1:00 pm.

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Jennifer Cowan
Active Adult Supervisor